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SUBJECT No. 164.

Entrusting the distribution of channel water for irrigation and the trial of channel offences to P. W. D. Sub-Division Officers.

Mr. G. Tirunarnaiengar, Channarayapatna taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The distribution of channel water for irrigation purposes and the trial of channel offences are entrusted to the Amildars who can hardly attend to this work satisfactorily amidst their multifarious duties. These duties may be entrusted to P. W. D. Sub-Division Officers with the village patels to assist them.

Reply of Government.—The resolution of the Committee on the subject will be duly considered in consultation with Local authorities.

SUBJECT No. 165.

Increase of pay to lower Subordinates of the Public Works Department.

Mr. D. S. Krishna Rao, Nelamangala taluk.

Note.—Not taken up for discussion.

SUBJECT No. 166.

Appointment of the Committee for enquiry into sources of water-supply and assessing water rate.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, V. Rangaswami Iyengar, Seringapatam taluk; Sankaranaranappa, Bannur Municipality; Gundu Ramiah, Malvalli Municipality; M. D. Narasimha Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—*(a)* With a view to ascertain the economic condition of the agriculturists in different parts of the State and also to obtain a correct data for enhancing the assessment at the Resurvey and Settlement or for imposing additional taxation in the shape of "water rate" on lands already assessed as wet, Government may be pleased to appoint for each district a Committee consisting of officials and non-officials to enquire and report on the following points:—

(1) Average gross yield on wet lands per acre below tanks and river-fed channels;

(2) Facilities for procuring labour;

(3) The cost of cultivation and labour;

(4) The net profit to the landholder and his raiyat;

(5) Facilities for procuring manure; and

(6) Such other points as are necessary in connection with the same.

(b) Pending such investigation, or at least till Resurvey and Settlement, Government may be pleased to keep in abeyance, for reconsideration, their Order No. 148-951 P.W., dated 23rd January 1917, which has directed the levy of contribution and also of water rate on wet lands if they are cultivated with sugar-cane crop.

Reply of Government.—The subject will be referred to a select Committee for report.